

## GONE DAFT.

Some weeks ago there came to Perry a man, in prison garb, who was selling books, and the Evening Democrat wrote a local item concerning him, for it was John N. Reynolds, of Atchison, Kansas. Reynolds is known to the writer and this was stated in the item at the time. A telegram was received in Atchison by B. P. Waggener Tuesday afternoon from Texarkana, Ark., stating that Reynolds had suddenly lost his mind and was a raving maniac. The Odd Fellows of that place had him in charge and telegraphed there for his family to come to him. Reynolds telegraphed several of his Atchison friends Saturday that he had struck a scheme whereby he could make a million within a year, and asked them to share part of his good fortune. His wife was in St. Joseph when the news of Reynolds' insanity reached Atchison. She was notified and left for Arkansas at once.—Perry Democrat.

## WANTED.

Two rooms, one or both furnished, suitable for light house-keeping, by man and wife with one child. Address "Alphabet," this office.

## THREE WILL HANG.

Three men were sentenced yesterday to be hanged in Paris, Texas, on Friday, March 30, 1894.

They are Manning Davis, Ed. Gonzales and Jim Upkins. The two former are for murder and the latter for rape. Upkins is a coal black and brutal-looking negro convicted of committing rape upon his little step-daughter.

When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he replied that he was innocent of the charge, and begged for a new trial.

Gonzales is a Mexican, convicted of a murder committed in the Territory several months ago. The evidence against him, while being circumstantial, was very clear that he had committed the deed charged to him. When asked if he had any excuse to offer why sentence should not be passed, he made quite a lengthy talk, in which he repeatedly asserted his innocence.

Davis is a white man who was convicted of a murder committed in the Territory a few months ago. In replying to the question of whether or not he had any reason to maintain why sentence should not be passed, he said he was not guilty of murder, and would like to have a new trial. Judge Bryant said that it was not often that he had any harsh words to offer in passing sentence, but in this instance the crime committed was so horrible and revolting he had no sympathy for the criminal, and felt not the slightest sorrow for his approaching doom. He had gone to the house of his victim, and in the presence of his wife, who was in a delicate condition, stabbed to death her unarmed husband while he was pleading for mercy. Davis accepted his fate with indifference. Upkins seemed stupefied, and Gonzales broke completely down, and wept like a child.

We are headquarters for holiday goods. Call and look through our stock. We will sell anything for a small profit. Green & Co. 1wk.

Yesterday morning a man fell down in a fit near the railway crossing. When he recovered he related a pitiful story and succeeded in taking up a collection of about \$1.50 from those standing around. A few minutes after he was noticed "lurching up" in a saloon. The fit is probably a racket to raise money with which to buy whiskey.—Denison Herald.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Bids will be received at the office of the undersigned until January 1, at 11 a. m., 1894, for the erection and completion of a two-story brick building in the city of Ardmore, for Johnson, Cruce & Cruce, in accordance with plans and specifications now on file at said office.

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DOUGLASS, Architect.  
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Mr. Thomas Curtin, of Buffalo, N. Y., representing the home office of the New York Life Insurance Company, is in the city, on business connected with that colossal institution. He expresses himself as both surprised and pleased with our town and country.

W. B. Frame has the largest assortment of toys and holiday goods ever seen in Ardmore, which he offers cheap for cash. 12-18 tf

The finest assortment of albums and other fancy holiday goods ever brought to Ardmore, all of which can be had at actual cost, at J. T. Alexander's. Dec. 27-4t

## BLACK BRUTE BIRDWELL.

HOLDS A CHILD BEFORE A HOT FIRE UNTIL IT IS ALMOST ROASTED.

After Which He Whips it With a Bucket Bale—Now in Jail.

A negro fiend named Lucien Birdwell was tried in Commissioner Scott's court this morning, charged with aggravated assault on the person of his mistress, Lucinda Wilson, and for brutal treatment of a little two-year-old child of the woman.

The evidence shows that about a week since Birdwell took the child and, after stripping it, forcibly held it up before a hot fire until its body was blistered.

After performing this brutal and fiendish act, he took a copper bale from a water bucket, flattened it out, and proceeded to whip the child most mercilessly, until the blood from the wounds flowed in a stream to the floor.

Under threats of violence to her if she did so, the Wilson woman did not make complaint at the time.

Matters were kept quiet until yesterday. The night previous Birdwell whipped the woman and she came away up town to avoid further violence.

Yesterday she went before Judge Scott and swore out a complaint, charging her assailant with assault and battery. Deputies Gilbert and Colbert arrested him.

After hearing the testimony, the commissioner held him for aggravated assault in the sum of \$50, in default of which he was committed to jail.

His actions toward the child show him to be a dangerous brute, and the ARDMOREITE trusts he will be given a full dose of justice.

Wanted.—A situation by young man, can give references. Address G. W. Reeves, Dixie, I. T. 12-20 1w.

## A SOCIABLE.

The young folks enjoyed themselves last night at the family residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, at a sociable given for their pleasure and entertainment.

Music was the leading feature of the occasion, rendered by Mrs. Pennington, assisted by Misses Sadie Bush and Daisy Barger. Other amusements were provided which together with the excellent music offered all present a most enjoyable evening, and marked it among the social events of the season.

John T. Alexander has on hand a nice assortment of holiday goods left, which he desires to close out at cost. Dec. 27-4t

## SENTENCED TO HANG.

Jim Upkins, the negro rapist fiend whose crime is fresh in the minds of our people, was yesterday sentenced to hang by Judge Bryant at Paris. He will be executed March 30th next. This is a just retribution for an awful crime and gives general satisfaction.

## REPAIRING.

All kinds of machinery and gins repaired by F. M. Lawrence. Headquarters at oil mills. d 18 to j 1

William Fullen, the man charged with having thrown a rock through the window of a Santa Fe passenger coach, is being held for the arrival of witnesses who, he claims, can identify him and vindicate him from the grave charges hanging over him.

## TAKEN UP.

At the Texas and Territory livery stable on December 24th, one sorrel mare mule, fifteen hands high, with blotch brand on left shoulder. Owner can get same by proving property and paying expenses incurred. Dec. 29-2t E. E. GRAVES, Manager.

We understand that Judge Stuart received a telegram yesterday from J. W. Terry, general solicitor for the G. C. & S. F., that the road had money on hand to pay its obligations and would resist any attempt to put it in the hands of a receiver.—Hesperian.

See Chas. Sacra, when you want draying or hauling of any kind done. He attends closely to business and can be found at Fielder Bro's. 12-7 tf.

Mr. Price, of Sorghum Flat, who has been in the city for a couple of days, returned home this morning.

## HAND MASHED.

This morning about 10 o'clock Will Miller, an employee of the weekly Chief, got his hand caught in a job press receiving injuries therefrom which will unfit him for work for several days. One finger is broken, two or three nails gone and the hand disabled generally, as only a heavy impression job press can do. The wounded member is very painful but will not necessitate the loss of his finger.

## WHO KNOWS HER.

Mrs. N. L. McDougal, of Abilene, Tex. wants to hear from her daughter, Mrs. Lucy or Louisa Haley. She was last heard from last September, at which time she and her husband, Jack Haley, were preparing to start for Ardmore. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts would no doubt afford a distressed mother great relief, by giving her the desired information.

A batch of five federal prisoners was brought in from the Territory yesterday. They were Sam Lovi and Sonny Tyson, both negroes charged with introducing liquor; Jack Cheadle, introducing liquor; L. M. Lee and Bill Lawrence, introducing and selling liquor.—Paris News.

H. A. Kendel & Co., is a new firm recently opened up for business next door above Nolan's China Hall. They will carry a full line of machinery and farming implements.

Lee Oldham and wife, of Gainesville, who have been visiting here, went to Wynnewood on this morning's train.

Capt. Jack Smith, of Pauls Valley, was in the city this morning. He has returned home.

C. Henneger, of Gainesville, is in the city on business.

Wyatt Williams, of Courtney Flats is in the city on business.

Hon. Albert Rennie, went to Pauls Valley this morning.

## RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

The organ raffle will be at Jim Yarbrough's music store to-night.

Sam Greenwood having bought the oyster parlor and short order business of the cream bakery has rearranged things and is prepared to serve first class customers in first class style. Ladies are especially invited and assured of treatment acceptable to the most fastidious. His cuisine department is in the hands of a first class cook and everything served over his tables is of unquestionable quality. 12-5 tf

When you want anything in the line of fine cakes, candies or fancy confections don't forget that the cream bakery is headquarters for them. 12-5 tf

## IN FOLLY'S WAKE.

"I never see Goldy with your sister any more." "No, they meet very seldom now." "Have they quarreled?" "No; they're married."

Mistress—So you are going to leave my service? Now, what motive impels you to go away? Servant—It's no motive, madame: it's a soldier.

Doctor—I would advise you to take a walk every morning before breakfast. Sappy—But, doctor, I—ah, never get up until after breakfast, y'know."

He—I dreamed last night that I died and went to heaven. She—How could you tell that it was heaven? He—There wasn't a soul there that I had ever known.

"Why did you leave your last place? Were you dissatisfied?" Bridget—I was, ma'am; the mistress would insist on givin' me wages, while it's salary I was wantin'.

Mrs. Jones—Ethel, you might tell me who the young man is that called last evening. Ethel, just seventeen—Certainly, mamma, if you're curious about it; that's the young man I'm engaged to.

## Beware the Opal.

Some of the older authorities give the opal as an emblem of hope. But a writer on the subject, Rabi Benoni, who lived in the fourteenth century, says of it: "The opal is fatal to love, and sows discord between the giver and receiver. Given as an engagement token it is sure to bring ill-luck." A late writer on the vagaries of fashions says: "An opal figure in Sir Walter Scott's novel of 'Anne of Gelestein,' and its possession was fatal to the family of the heroine. The idea that they were unlucky obtained such currency that after the publication of the novel they went out of fashion."

Middle-Aged Spinster, as tramp comes into the yard—What do you want here, anything to eat? Tramp—What else should I want, madame? Did you think I came to offer a proposal of marriage?

The prudent housewife who, on account of "hard times," has decided not to repeat the sitting room, as desirable, will find the old paper very much improved in appearance, by simply rubbing it well with a flannel cloth dipped in oatmeal.

"The vicissitudes of this life are wonderful!" exclaimed the boarding-house keeper at breakfast the other morning. "True; a man can never tell what he's got before him," replied the carter's boarder, with a side glance at the plate of hash in front of him.

## HE STRUCK A BONANZA.

He Found the History Which Justified His Beliefs.

He walked into the book-store and stopped before the bible department. He leaned over the counter and said to the ministerial-looking salesman: "Is them Buffalo Bill books over there?" "Nops. Religious works." "Don't nuss o' them read about chasin' Injuns an' shootin' wild varminters?" "Not exactly." "Nothin' about a feller 'at could knock 'em out like John L., ner a feller 'at's slick with er Winchester, or hed the nerve to tackle er bar?"

"Oh, yes. One better than that." "Who's he?" "Samson." "What'd 'e do?" "Oh, he had a fight with a lion." "Laid 'm out, did he?" "Yes, he killed the lion." "Jes' bored 'm with er Winchester?" "Nops." "Bifed 'm in the head with er ax, I 'spect?" "Nops." "Jes' kyarved 'm with his bowie?" "No, he just caught the beast by the throat and choked it to death." "You don't say?" "Yes, he was the strongest man that ever lived." "Wusser'n John L?" "Yes." "An' wusser'n Jimmie Corbitt?" "Samson could knock them both out at once." "Whoopie! Ain't he the stuff? I'll take two o' them Samson books."

## STRANGE CAUSE OF FIRE.

An Inspector's Smart Experiment Shows the Real Cause.

A singular explanation of what was supposed to have been an incendiary fire at the Industrial Home for Girls, Hampstead, England, has just been furnished. The fire took place recently, and Inspector Moran, one of the officials engaged in the inquiry as to the cause, ascertained that the sun had been shining very brightly at Hampstead and that in the morning a full water bottle had been standing in the room, between the open window and the mackintosh on the wall. The idea occurred to him that the sun's rays, shining through the water in the bottle, might have set fire to the mackintosh, causing the latter in turn to ignite the bedding. Accordingly, at about noon next day, when the sun was again shining brightly, though not so powerfully as on the previous day, he again proceeded to the home and experimented with a water bottle and a mackintosh, the result clearly demonstrating that the fire had been caused by the sun's rays passing through the water on to the mackintosh, the burning liquid substance from which had fallen on to the bed and set fire to it.

## A Bristle Pair.

She was a pretty little Sunday-school teacher, and as she wandered about the book store, trying to select gifts for her class, the dapper young clerk followed closely. "What are those—those 'Pastels in Prose'?" she asked, leaning over the counter and pointing to a volume bearing that attractive legend in silver across its back. "That is \$1.50, miss," replied the clerk. "No," said she, blushing. "I didn't mean that. I mean what were 'Pastels in Prose'?" "Well, I can't say exactly, miss, but I take it," running his eyes hastily through the book, "to be a set of short sermons. 'Pastels,' you see, coming from 'pastor.' And she bought the book.

## Advice Probably Followed.

The late Marshal MacMahon was not a good off-hand speaker. There was a colored cadet in the Saint Cyr military academy, and once, when the marshal reviewed the corps, the instructor suggested that he should say something to encourage the black man. "Let him stand forth," said the marshal. "So you are a darkey, are you?" he said to the cadet. "Yes, marshal." "Well, keep it up."

## Tides and Insanity.

A short time before Dr. Charcot died he said in a lecture that semi-scientists had for more than fifty years ridiculed the idea that the full of the moon was a dangerous time for mad people. Better informed men are coming back to that old-time notion, said Dr. Charcot, as the result of increased learning on the subject of earth tides, similar to the oscillation of sea tides.

## CURSORY AND CUNIOUS.

Campher is cultivated at Hlaga, Japan. About one-fourth of the product comes to the United States.

In all countries suicide is more common among men than among women, and among unmarried than among married persons.

Two women appeared before a Barren police justice, each carrying a bag containing hair which she averred the other pulled from her head.

Stephen Langton, archbishop of Canterbury, first divided the bible into chapters and verses, this about the close of the twelfth century.

It has been suggested that the many duplicate volumes in the congressional library be made the nucleus of a free circulating library for Washington.

M. L. Henry and Miss Sallie Jesse were married at Louisville last week, the culmination of an engagement made thirty years ago. Both are well on in years.

A large bear recently walked into a blacksmith shop at Locust Valley, Long Island, where three men were at work. Bula was soon killed for his boldness.

It is stated that the Russian government has conceded a French company the right to establish telephonic communication between all the large Russian towns.

Immediately after warning Michael Nelson to handle his gun carefully, George Nelson of Bath, Pa., tripped and fell, his rifle discharging and killing him instantly.

Captain Charles Carter, who died in Norfolk, Va., lately, at the age of 93 years, was married eight times, and left thirty-eight children, every one of whom is said to have survived him.

One of the shortest wills on record, a document containing but forty-two words, was filed for probate in San Francisco recently. The maker of the will, Mrs. Lerda, devised a large estate to her husband.

The greatest speed attained by sailing ships, according to Mulhal was by the James Baines, 430 miles in twenty-four hours, and Flying Cloud 412. The Red Jacket ran 3,260 miles in seven days averaging 335 miles a day.

Ossman Pasha, native administrator of the Egyptian state—that is, secretary of agriculture—was one of the distinguished visitors to the Columbian exposition. His especial purpose in visiting America is to study the cotton plantations and such other forms of agriculture as may be most useful to his people.

Victor Herbert, the composer and violinist, is the new leader of Gilmore's band. Mr. Reeves, who has been leader since shortly after E. S. Gilmore's death, will return to Providence and resume the control of the band which so long bore his name. Herbert is a lineal descendant of the Irish novelist, Samuel Lover.

The most active member of the Beecher family now living is Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, pastor of the Park church in Elmira. He is a tall, broad-shouldered man, 69 years old, with a plentiful brown beard, now tinged with white, and is fond of billiards, bowling and trieyoling. He has been settled over the Elmira church since 1854.

Sculptor Franklin Simmons' model of General Logan has been approved by the Logan monument commission at the war department in Washington, and by Mrs. Logan. The monument, which is to adorn the city of Washington, is of an equestrian figure, mounted on an ornate pedestal, on one side of which in full relief is a scene from the civil career of Logan when he is taking the oath as a United States senator, and on the other side a similar panel representing one of the councils of war.

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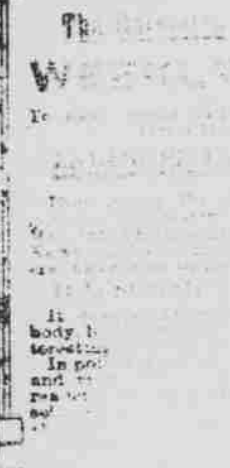
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It is a body of men in a room, possibly a courtroom or a meeting. The man in the center is looking towards the right. The room has a high ceiling and a large window.

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